

CORRESPONDENT VIEWS BATTLE FROM GREAT HEIGHT IN BALLOON

(By Associated Press.)
BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, March 23.—"Would you care to go up?" asked the polite British officer in charge of the big kite balloon, one of the long line of captive balloons, the "eyes of the army," which swung as though pendulum from the clouds all up and down the fighting line from the Channel to the Swiss border.

"Certainly," replied the correspondent.

So an extra warm overcoat and muffler were brought out and donned, and most important of all, the parachute harness was fitted on.

The observer fixed the telephone receiver to his head. Satisfied that all was ship-shape, he waved his arm to the flight sergeant on the ground, who ordered crisply: "Let up hand over hand," and then: "Walk forward the winch." The ground began to sink away. The altitude dial, comfortably close at hand, indicated that the balloon had reached 2800 feet. But it was not the pointer signified 4200 feet that he telephoned down the order "Stop the winch," and the business of the day began.

Artillery observation was the officer's appointed task. A British battery was going to "take on" a Ger-

man battery, and the observer made his preparations accordingly. He had the positions of the two batteries marked on his map, but he wanted to make sure of the position of the balloon. So he leaned over the side of the car, verified his landmarks, and telephoned the results to the chart room.

"Let me know when they are ready," said he. There was a pause. Then a short monosyllabic conversation, and the balloon officer gave the order "Fire," and adjusted his glasses to his eyes.

For the next fifteen minutes the officer was engaged in "ranging," but from time to time he passed down a remark which showed that he was not confining his attention to ranging guns, but had also an alert eye for flashes of enemy guns anywhere within his range of observation. The range of vision was roughly twenty miles.

After the first order to "Fire," a boom in the distance indicated that the order had been obeyed. The balloon officer frowned slightly, and telephoned a correction. A moment later the battery announced again that it was ready, and this time the result was better. The process continued. Once the observer asked to be put into direct communication with the battery, and the exchange arranged accordingly. Apparently

the result of this conference was satisfactory for soon the observation came through as correct.

A few more rounds and the balloon requested the battery to start firing for effect. While this was being done, another battery was rung up and ranging down on another target, the balloon observer occasionally switching his glasses to the old target to see that the guns were shooting correctly.

Now and again the observer passed down a message to the effect that "Blank-Blank is active." Blank-Blank was another hostile battery, not at present engaging attention.

Sometimes he interpolated a little message for the chart-room such as: "Flash observed two five minutes left of Blank-Blank." Blank-Blank being a landmark easily found on the map, so that the flash position could be marked on the chart-room for attention later.

There were four hours of this work before the officer gave the order, "Haul down." A slight jerk showed that the descent had begun and fifteen minutes later terra firma was reached and the balloon was off upwards again with a fresh crew.

Down in the chart-room, the report of the day's work so far showed that three German batteries had been "neutralized" and two new battery positions discovered.

ENGLAND'S ROYAL FAMILY STRICT IN OBSERVING FOOD REGULATIONS

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 23.—King George and Queen Mary were among the first in England, as was Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in the United States, to make their household conform to the rigorous rationing system of a food minister or administrator.

Like the White House at Washington, the royal family and staff at Buckingham palace have been placed on the diet suggested by the man chosen to conserve the nation's food supply, in England, Lord Rhonda.

From the early days of the ministry of food the King has insisted that every suggestion for self-denial which has been put before the

people of the country must be loyally observed throughout the royal household.

Sir Derek Keppel, master of the household, said in an interview this week:

"We are all in line here with the rationing, and I am saying no more than what is common knowledge when I tell you that I never knew any people so thoroughly conscientious in this matter as the King and Queen. They accept the restrictions with the most noticeable cheerfulness, taking real pleasure in bearing their share of the food hardships."

"Quite often recently the royal

larder has been empty of such commodities as butter, margarine and tea, and we have gone without, from King down. The King and Queen have repeatedly spoken to me to impress me with the duty of self-denial in food and drink. The King in the first days of the war pledged himself to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and that pledge holds good today over the whole household.

"The King actually tries always to anticipate restrictions. A long while ago he insisted on coal economy in the palace. Waste of fuel or coal constitutes a grave offense among the servants of the King."

COMMENTS ON DUTCH SHIPPING

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Thursday, March 21.—Commenting upon the Dutch shipping situation, the Algemeen Handelsblad says it considers that there now develops on the entente a moral duty in maintaining international traffic for the states which cannot exist without it. The continued refusal to permit Holland to obtain grain from Argentina, it says, would be a serious matter for both parties.

DEMAND ADDRESSES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The resolution of Senator New of Indiana, asking the war department to advise the senate of its reasons for not publishing the addresses of American casualties was adopted in the senate with a record vote.

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FIGHTING IN BELGIUM

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, March 23.—Heavy artillery fighting continues in Belgium and French Flanders. Reconnoitering detachments are said to have penetrated the opposing lines at many points. Ostend has been bombarded from the sea.

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NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 23.—Providence with six championship pennants to its credit leads all the cities, which have at various times held membership in the International League. Rochester comes next with five and Buffalo and Toronto are tied with four each, while Binghamton, Erie, Syracuse, Springfield, Montreal, Jersey City, Baltimore and Newark have each captured one titular flag.

The outcome of the meeting of the International League, scheduled to be held March 25, is likely to have a distinct bearing upon the decision of other minor leagues in relation to their plans for the coming season. Several of these organizations are in rather an uncertain frame of mind regarding the financial outlook for baseball on the smaller circuits during 1918 and are likely to be swayed, to some extent, by the example set by the International League club owners. Up to the present time less than half of the leagues which began the 1917 season have prepared and promulgated their schedules for 1918.

Even under the most favorable

conditions it is not expected that there will be the same number of organizations operating as was the case twelve months ago. The records show that some twenty-three leagues opened the season a year ago and that about 75 per cent played through the season or the major portion of the same. In 1916 twenty-four leagues were in operation and the year previous the number was five more while in 1914 the lists show more than forty leagues in the various classifications throughout the country.

Although the University of Pennsylvania team has clinched the championship of the Intercollegiate Basketball League several other college fives, without membership in this association, have made records on the courts this season which stamp them as combinations of unusual skill. This is particularly true of Syracuse and Union. Both these colleges have been represented by teams of exceptional ability and have long winning records to their credit. Syracuse is expected to make application for admission to the Intercollegiate League before the 1919 season opens.

AWAIT ACTION OF BULGARIAN TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—America's attitude towards Bulgaria will not be altered, at least for the present, by operations of Bulgarian troops on the western front.

Reports that Bulgarian units had been brought up to the lines opposing the British forces were received at the state department without surprise and without arousing any apprehension of an immediate diplomatic change. It was indicated that certainly until the troops of the Balkan state, regarded as Germany's tools, were actually used against lines held by American troops the present anomalous situation probably would continue.

SWEDEN NOW HAS STATE INSURANCE

(By Associated Press.)
STOCKHOLM, March 23.—Sweden has enacted state accident and sickness insurance laws patterned after those in Germany. Under this legislation nearly all employees are benefited whose yearly pay does not exceed \$1320.

ITALIANS DRIVE BACK HUNS

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, March 23.—The Italians drove back the German patrol at several points on the front. They also ejected the Austrian detachments which had forced a way in an advanced post position in the Breno valley. The artillery fighting is more intense along the Piave.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT DISARMS SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)
MOSCOW, Tuesday, March 19.—The Soviet government is rapidly disarming and disbanding the old army and eliminating its influence from public affairs. The Moscow Soviet has removed from its executive committee all soldier representatives and similar action is taking place throughout Russia.

The new voluntary army will select representatives in the various Soviets.

In explanation of the government's evacuation of Petrograd the Soviet has issued a statement saying the commissioners went to Moscow for the purpose of saving Petrograd from destruction, as they believed the government's removal will demonstrate the strength of the Russian people's government and show the Germans that the capture of the capital would be useless as the government is prepared to fall back constantly, before the German advance, resisting and slowing down the enemy onslaught.

MEXICANS FIRE ACROSS BORDER

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, March 23.—Firing across the border near Fabens by Mexicans has caused a strong return fire from the American troops. Four Mexicans are believed killed. There were no American casualties.

TRY ALLEGE CONSPIRATORS

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The prosecution has produced a letter inviting the Bolsheviks to recognize the Indian Nationalists party in the trial here of alleged India revolution conspirators.

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	\$148,297.90
Disbursements during 1917, including payment of loans	\$149,679.66
	\$ 1,372.78

H. D. ANDERSON, Assistant Secretary.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEVADA COPPER COMPANY, for the year ended December 31, 1917.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	\$775.75
Receipts during year	\$775.75
	\$775.75
Disbursements during year	238.48
	\$537.27

C. A. HIGBEE, Secretary.

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